

the cost of producing the industry-wide standard or industry-wide generic requirement.

§ 64.1704 Frivolous disputes/penalties.

(a) No person shall willfully refer a dispute to the dispute resolution process under this subpart unless to the best of his knowledge, information and belief there is good ground to support the dispute and the dispute is not interposed for delay.

(b) Any person who fails to comply with the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section, may be subject to forfeiture pursuant to section 503(b) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. 503(b).

Subpart R—Geographic Rate Averaging and Rate Integration

AUTHORITY: 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 154(i), 201-205, 214(e), 215 and 254(g).

§ 64.1801 Geographic rate averaging and rate integration.

(a) The rates charged by providers of interexchange telecommunications services to subscribers in rural and high-cost areas shall be no higher than the rates charged by each such provider to its subscribers in urban areas.

(b) A provider of interstate interexchange telecommunications services shall provide such services to its subscribers in each U.S. state at rates no higher than the rates charged to its subscribers in any other state.

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Subpart S—Nondominant Interexchange Carrier Certifications Regarding Geographic Rate Averaging and Rate Integration Requirements

§ 64.1900 Nondominant interexchange carrier certifications regarding geographic rate averaging and rate integration requirements.

(a) A nondominant provider of interexchange telecommunications services, which provides detariffed interstate, domestic, interexchange services, shall file with the Commission, on an annual basis, a certification that it is providing such services in compliance with

its geographic rate averaging and rate integration obligations pursuant to section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

(b) The certification filed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section shall be signed by an officer of the company under oath.

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Subpart T—Separate Affiliate Requirements for Incumbent Independent Local Exchange Carriers That Provide In-Region, Interstate Domestic Interexchange Services or In-Region International Interexchange Services

SOURCE: 62 FR 36017, July 3, 1997, unless otherwise noted.

§ 64.1901 Basis and purpose.

(a) *Basis.* These rules are issued pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

(b) *Purpose.* The purpose of these rules is to regulate the provision of in-region, interstate, domestic, interexchange services and in-region international interexchange services by incumbent independent local exchange carriers.

§ 64.1902 Terms and definitions.

TERMS USED IN THIS PART HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

Books of Account. Books of account refer to the financial accounting system a company uses to record, in monetary terms the basic transactions of a company. These books of account reflect the company's assets, liabilities, and equity, and the revenues and expenses from operations. Each company has its own separate books of account.

Incumbent Independent Local Exchange Carrier (Incumbent Independent LEC). The term incumbent independent local exchange carrier means, with respect to an area, the independent local exchange carrier that:

(1) On February 8, 1996, provided telephone exchange service in such area; and